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SUBJECT: OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S YEAR-END STATEMENT

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA REPORTED DEC. 31 YEAR-END MESSAGE BY  
OAU ADMINISTRATIVE SECGEN WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA. ETEKI  
LISTED NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ASPECTS OF 1975 AND EX-  
EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE "BALANCE SHEET" WOULD INSPIRE  
OAU ACTION IN THE NEW YEAR.

2. ETEKI STATED 1975 "HAD BEEN A PAINFUL ONE BECAUSE OF  
THE EVENTS IN ANGOLA, THE SPANISH SAHARA, THE COMORO  
ISLANDS, ZIMBABWE AND THE MIDDLE EAST." ANGOLA, HE SAID,  
AFTER HAVING REGAINED ITS FREEDOM, HAS BEEN "THROWN INTO  
FRATRICIDAL STRIFE WHICH IMPOSES EVEN GREATER SACRIFICES  
TO THE YOUNG STATE. EVEN WORSE, ANGOLAN LIBERATION, SEES  
ITS INDEPENDENCE THREATENED AND ITS TERRITORY INVADED BY  
THE GANGS OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER NOSTALIGIC  
MERCENARIES WHO ARE PERPETUATING AN UNDESCRIBABLY BLATANT  
AGGRESSION OF RECONQUEST, AND ARE ENCOURAGING AN AT-  
TEMPT AT PARTITIONING ANGOLA, THROUGH ANGOLAN MIDDLEMEN  
THAT HAVE GONE ASTRAY."

3. ETEKI THEN CITED THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SISTER

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STATES AND PEOPLES OVER THE FUTURE OF THE SPANISH SAHARA

AND THE "CYNICAL FRENCH UNDERTAKING TO DISLOCATE THE INTEGRITY OF THE INDEPENDENT COMORO ISLANDS." HE ADDED THAT THE ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS WEAKENED BY DIVISIONS AMONG ITS LEADERS.

4. HE STATED RIFTS THREATEN AFRICAN STATES AND JEOPARDIZE THE IDEAL OF AFRICAN UNITY AT A TIME "WHEN AFRICA MUST STAND UNITED TO FACE THE GRAVE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED AND NURSED AND ARE BEING AGGRAVATED BY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES."

5. THE OAU SECGEN NOTED 1975 SUCCESSES SUCH AS THE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS AND THE COMOROS. IT HAD ALSO BEEN A FRUITFUL YEAR, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF MORE DYNAMIC ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN ECONOMIES AND OF MORE EQUITABLE RELATIONS WITH THE INDUSTRIALISED POWERS.

6. ETEKI CALLED FOR VIGILANCE "IN THE FACE OF THE PLOT AGAINST AFRICA OF WHICH THE FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN OUR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN ANGOLA CONSTITUTES THE MOST PAPABLE DEMONSTRATION." HE SAID AFRICA'S FOREMOST OBJECTIVE MUST BE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM IN ALL ITS FORMS AS WELL AS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE NEGATION OF THE VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. HE REITERATED OAU SUPPORT FOR SWAPO IN NAMIBIA, THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, INDEPENDENCE IN DJIBOUTI, AND DEPLORED SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF APARTHEID AND BANTUSTANISATION.

7. COMMENT: THE ONLY COUNTRY SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIFIC CRITICISM IN ETEKI'S STATEMENT WAS SOUTH AFRICA.

8. EMBASSY POUCHING DEPT. TEXT.  
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